Current MOS Testing Times and Dates:

The Microsoft Office Specialist Certifications will be offered for **FREE**. Please use the following form to sign up: http://goo.gl/t4lIg

The dates, locations, and times are:

- Wednesday, May 9 at Hurricane High in room 34 from 3:30-6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 10 at Hurricane High in room 34 from 3:30-6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 16 at Davis High in the Career Center Lab from 3-6 p.m.
- Thursday, May 17 at Davis High in the Career Center Lab from 3-6 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 6 at Orem Jr. High in room 4 from 9-12.
- Thursday, June 7 at Orem Jr. High in room 4 from 9-12.

If you would like to consider hosting a testing date in your district please contact Laura deShazo.
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FYI – This was sent out to all teachers on the Business Listserve

From: business-ed-bounces@lists.uen.org [mailto:business-ed-bounces@lists.uen.org] **On Behalf Of** deShazo, Laura
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Subject: [Business-Ed] Computer Technology Update

Business and Keyboarding Teachers,

Earlier this year we established a committee to update the Computer Technology I & II curriculums. As a result of the needed updates and new legislation that was put into place regarding technology training, we have decided to run a pilot program for the 2011-2012 school year. What this means is that a full statewide implementation of the changes to Computer Technology I & II has been temporarily postponed. The current Computer Technology standards and objectives will remain the same for the 2012-2013 school year.

The pilot courses will take effect this coming fall in a few school districts throughout the state of Utah. Currently those districts have not been determined. The pilot districts will be put into place to help eliminate any issue for a state wide implementation for the 2013-2014 school year. If your district is participating in the Pilot of the new standards you will be contacted.

Sessions will be available at this year's summer conference that will provide you with information on the changes. I can assure you that these changes are a very positive for Utah students and teachers. I will also tell you that the standards are set at a higher level which of course will require teachers to instruct at a higher level. I would encourage you as teachers to take opportunities for professional

development as they become available. Currently, we are offering opportunities for teachers to become Microsoft Certified at no cost for testing. Taking advantage of this would be a good idea as one of the components of the Pilot is MOS testing for students. I am very excited and know that these changes will better prepare students for their educational and employment needs.

If you haven't done so already, I would love to have you continue to develop your skills and professional growth by attending this year's summer conference. You can access registration by visiting the following website: http://www.schools.utah.gov/cte/business_summer.html . You can also register for **Free** MOS testing that I am making available at various locations throughout the state by registering at this website: http://goo.gl/t4llg . I will send the dates and locations as soon as this information becomes finalized.

I look forward to working with all of you through this Computer Technology transition. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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